

Remarks

The above Response is in reply to the Office Action mailed October 23, 2002. Applicant herein elects Group I, claims 1-29 and 94. Applicants withdraw claims 30-93 and 95 without prejudice, being drawn to non-elected inventions. Applicant reserves the right to prosecute the withdrawn claims in divisional applications.

In a telephone conferences between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on September 17, 2002, Applicant elected a species 1-4 as identified in the Office Action.


Applicant hereby reiterates that election of species.

Applicant's respectfully request the Examiner examine the elected claims. The Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned if he can assist in any way in expediting issuance of a patent.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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